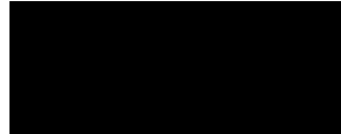


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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. FOIA b3a Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 5/8

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages1) Personnel Situation

(1) In accordance with an order of 20 July from the Council of People's Commissars, draft exemptions have been extended to 1 September 1943 for employees of the offices of the People's Commissariat for the Food Industry.

(2) All the technical students, who have completed the trade schools run by the enterprises of the People's Commissariat for the River Fleet in Kujbyshev, Arkul, Ufa and Omsk, are scheduled for NKRF enterprises and may not be transferred to other organizations.

(3) The following NKRF enterprises are assigning the following personnel for timber procurement work in the third quarter:

<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Novosibirsk	652	583000 rubles
Semipalatinsk	17	12000 rubles

(4) Planned estimates for individual NKRF enterprises for the third quarter follow:

- a) number of personnel
b) quarterly salary in thousands of rubles

<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Workers</u>		<u>Engineering-Technical Personnel</u>		<u>Unclassified Personnel</u>		<u>Conscripted (?) Personnel</u>	
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Omsk	994	1186.3	118	282.1	71	97	66	26
Krasnoyarsk	1026	1152	148	347	79	110	69	34
Irkutsk	300	345	59	156	32	53	27	11.

(5) In accordance with a decree from the Central Committee, Omsk-NKRF is to train 35 nurses by the end of the year.

(6) In Stavropol Oblast' 200 persons were mobilized for construction work in Baksan.

(7) According to a message to Omsk-NKRF, transporting wounded members of the Armed Forces who have been released from hospitals by ship should be handled with great care by NKRF enterprises.

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(8) Members of the following NKRF enterprises received the following bonuses for good performance in July:

<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Bonus (rubles)</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Kujbyshev	45000	---
Molotov	45000	---
Lower Volga Steamship Agency	52000	---
Rostov	20000	---
NKRF Plant in Chistopol	15000	---
Kama Steamship Agency	50000	Above-plan fulfillment of transport plan in July
Levshino Landing Places	20000	"
Upper Amur Steamship Agency	40000	"
Lower Amur Steamship Agency	75000	"
Khabarovsk, Harbor	20000	"

2) Food Situation

(9) According to a government decree, agricultural machines and equipment, which are not being used in the sovkhoses and machine-tractor stations, are to be made available to those in charge of small gardens.

(10) Ust Ussa-NKRF is to report on how many auxiliary agricultural enterprises received additional land from kolkhozes and other organizations. It is to be reported whether it is possible to transfer this land toward profitable endeavor over a long period of time.

(11) The workers of Timber Procurement at the River Fleet in Irkutsk are not receiving sufficient rations. As a result, Irkutsk was ordered to supply all the workers with the established norms and the Stakhanov workers with an additional ration.

(12) Uralsk-NKRF reports that the sale of vegetables on the open market was forbidden. Uralsk expects a harvest of 200 tons of cucumbers, but the possibility exists of pickling only 25 tons. Out of a daily harvest of 5 tons, only 1 ton can be used for communal feeding. In order to prevent large amounts of cucumbers from spoiling, approval is requested to permit the sale of vegetables on the open market to harvest workers who fulfill the scheduled work norms and to ship's personnel.

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(13) Khabarovsk-NKRF receives from Vladivostok 7 tons of alcohol for the Lower Amur Steamship Agency and 1 ton for the Upper Amur Steamship Agency. This alcohol is designated to supply the dock workers who handle imported goods in Nikolaevsk, Komsomolsk, Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk.

(14) The supply offices of the Kama Steamship Agency are receiving 428 rabbits from Chistopol.

(15) Sovkhoz "Vodnik" in Balakovo is lacking containers and salt for canning vegetables. The result is that the vegetables will spoil.

(16) Stalingrad-NKRF reports that the completion of barrels and attachments for canning purposes is proceeding very slowly. Since their completion is not to be expected before 10 September, the danger exists that the picked vegetables will spoil.

(17) Gorkij River Fleet Supply was ordered to purchase 20000 sacks for transporting vegetables and potatoes.

(18) Stavropol Grain Procurement reports that sunflowers, mustard and castor beans were procured at places with railway junctions for shipment. The 700 railroad cars needed for this purpose have not been made available.

3) Oil Supply

(19) According to a message of 11 August, all Oil Supply offices, on the basis of a government decree, were ordered to furnish fuel until the end of the navigation period to the agricultural enterprises of NKRF in the same way as to other NKRF enterprises.

(20) For the third quarter Omsk-NKRF received the following consumption norms of fuel for every 1000 ton/kilometers:

for tugs and freight ships	77 kilograms
for passenger ships	105 kilograms

The following authorizations of oil products were noted:

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(21)	Alekseevka, Ship Repair Yard	80 tons	Motor oil	Saratov-NKRF	---
(22)	Gorkij, Upper Volga Steamship Agency	200	"	"	---
(23)	Kamuste, River Fleet	120	"	"	---
(24)	Kryushi, Ship Repair Workshops	100	"	"	---
(25)	Kujbyshev, River Fleet	200	"	"	---
(26)	Molotov, Kama Steamship Agency	200	"	"	---
(27)	Chistopol, Ship Repair Yard	100	"	"	---
(28)	Gorkij, NKRF Technical School	0.4	Petroleum	---	Allotment for Aug/Sep
(29)	Kazan, NKRF Technical School	0.3	"	---	"
(30)	Molotov, NKRF Technical School	0.4	"	---	"
(31)	Rostov, NKRF Technical School	0.2	"	---	"
(32)	Gorkij, NKRF Technical School	0.4	Gasoline	---	"
(33)	Kazan, NKRF Technical School	0.1	"	---	"
(34)	Molotov, NKRF Technical School	0.2	"	---	"
(35)	Rostov, NKRF Technical School	0.2	"	---	"

(36) Kujbyshev-NKRF received 1035 tons of mazut from the local Oil Supply Office and 1500 tons from Syzran.

4) Production & Construction

(37) Gorkij, NKRF Plant "Molotov", is to assure the completion of two motor cutters by 31 August.

(38) For the third quarter 20000 rubles for shipbuilding and 20000 rubles for assembly work were granted to the shipyard in Orel (150 km north of Molotov). For the same period 150000 rubles for shipbuilding and 50000 rubles for assembly work were given to the shipyard in Cherdyn.

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(39) A new dock was completed in Alekseevka which is apparently allotted to the shipyard in Raznezhe.

(40) A message to Ust Ussa-NKRF mentions workshops and a floating dock in Tulubev (?) (or Tulubevsk?) under the Northern River Fleet.

(41) Production work is being delayed at an NKRF plant in Novosibirsk thru the lack of canvas and red lead.

(42) For the completion of a building of an NKRF plant in Chistopol 20 tons of cement are scheduled for August and 10 tons for September. There are no allotments of nails and glass.

(43) A glassware factory of the NK for the Food Industry is being built in Kutais.

(44) In August Kujbyshev-NKRF received 300 rolls of roofing cardboard for building purposes from the local roofing cardboard factory and will distribute them as follows:

Plant "Teplokhod"	150 rolls
NKRF Directorate	50 rolls
Plant for Salvage Equipment	
"Kalinin"	50 rolls
Shipyard in Syask (?)	50 rolls

(45) A message to Kujbyshev-NKRF indicates that electric motors, which cannot be repaired within the next three months in their own NKRF enterprises, are to be turned over to industry. For this reason, industry has to make available machines ready for use in the amount of 25% of the delivered electric motors.

(46) Astrakhan "Volgatanker" received from:

Molotov	4 electric welding apparatuses
Uralsk	2 electric welding apparatuses
Kujbyshev	7 electric welding apparatuses
Gorkij	1 autogenous welding apparatus

(47) Molotov-NKRF is to receive 4959 meters of imported conveyor bands.

(48) Newly noted plants

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Shipyard	Syask (?)	---
Plant "Kalinin"	---	Production of salvage equipment
Plant #199	Khabarovsk	---

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(49) The Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency fulfilled the July transport plan by 106.8%.

The difference between the planned figures and actual fulfillment was as follows:

<u>Freight</u>	<u>Planned Figure</u>	<u>Actual Fulfillment</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Grain	54500 Tons	55403 Tons	101.2
Steel	150000	151000	100.7
Coal	5000	5815	106.4
Timber on ships	91000	86036	94.5
Timber on rafts	79600	107765	137
Total	380100 Tons	406019 Tons	106.8

(50) The raft transport plan was reduced for the following offices:

Molotov	to 290000 tons	80000000 ton/kilometers
Khabarovsk	to 15000 tons	2500000 ton/kilometers
Krasnoyarsk	to 48000 tons	45000000 ton/kilometers
Yakutsk	to 15000 tons	13700000 ton/kilometers

(51) In the third quarter the Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency has to transport 65000 tons of loam for the People's Commissariat for Ferrous Metallurgy. Three steamers and 12 tugs are being designated for this assignment.

(52) Semipalatinsk has to float 2400 tons of timber in the second ten-day period of August.

(53) According to the August plan Gorkij-NKRF has to transport 275000 tons of wooden logs and Molotov-NKRF 627000 tons. Of these amounts, 280600 tons are designated for paper factories.

(54) Stalingrad-NKRF is to discontinue immediately the shipment of metals to Kujbyshev, since the landing places of Kujbyshev Harbor are temporarily overloaded with freight.

(55) In the first seven days of August Ulan Ude-NKRF is 1.6% behind in the fulfillment of the transport plan. In order to guarantee fulfillment of the plan, Ulan Ude-NKRF must transport the following in the second ten-day period of August:

8000 tons	logs
500 tons	salt
4500 tons	other freight

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(56) In Novosibirsk-NKRF the number of damaged ship's boilers and engine plants is once again on the increase.

(57) The Water Transport Bases in Ust Ussa and Omsk have not carried out the necessary dredging work for deepening the channel. In the Upper Pechora the water depth of 120 kilometers does not meet the requirements.

(58) Petroleum, which is destined for the Oil Sales in Kharkov from Astrakhan, is being shipped to Railway Station "Urasovo" (130 kilometers east of Kharkov) (North Donets Railway). Petroleum, which is destined for the Oil Sales in Voroshilovgrad from Makhachkala, is being shipped to Railway Station "Likhaj" (80 kilometers southeast of Voroshilovgrad) (Southeastern Railway).